

## **Questions Received on the Request for Qualifications Commuter Rail Strategic Planning Consulting Services**

**1. What are MAG's expectations for the community involvement process?**

Successful completion of the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan is dependent on an active community involvement process. Proposals should detail how the consultant will engage elected officials and stakeholders, as well as provide regular opportunities for the public to review and comment. The Request for Qualifications is intentionally non-prescriptive to encourage proposals that offer creative strategies for engaging elected officials, stakeholders, and the public in the planning process.

**2. Will MAG provide a list of participants for the Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group?**

No, because the Stakeholders Group has met on an ad-hoc basis only, and is not an officially recognized MAG committee.

**3. Will MAG provide a list of participants for the July 20 Proposer's Conference?**

Yes, the attendance list is posted on the MAG website at the following location:

<http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/detail.cms?item=6266>

**4. Will MAG provide a copy of the presentation from the July 20 Proposer's Conference?**

Yes, the presentation is posted on the MAG website at the following location:

<http://www.mag.maricopa.gov/detail.cms?item=6270>

**5. Is there a conflict of interest if a proposer is currently providing consulting services for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or a private railroad company?**

It is not possible to make a determination on a potential conflict of interest without knowing the nature of work being performed. Each firm must document within its proposal any potential conflicts of interest. In all cases, MAG will be the final determining body as to whether a conflict of interest exists.

As defined in the Request for Qualifications under Administrative Requirements, a potential conflict of interest includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Accepting an assignment where duty to the client would conflict with the CONSULTANT'S personal interest, or interest of another client.
- b. Performing work for a client or having an interest which conflicts with this contract.
- c. Employing personnel who worked for MAG or one of its member agencies within the past three years.

If a firm believes a potential conflict of interest exists, and would like to receive a determination prior to submitting a Statement of Qualifications, the firm should submit a letter to MAG, describing the nature of the potential conflict and asking for MAG to determine whether a conflict exists.